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## The Navy Today ... Executing the Maritime Strategy

*"We came to understand these strategies [maritime security and safety] are not about navies, but about maritime domain awareness. It is about partnership, it is about cooperation, it is about countries pooling their resources, sharing information, and all of this is for the economic benefit for the people in this region of Africa. High crimes on our water bodies have transcended national borders, and coming together of various countries will engender prosperity of all the peoples in eastern Africa."*

**-- Lt. Col. Michael Nyayrwa, head of the Uganda People's Defense Force Maritime Forces**

Around the world, the Navy is executing the six core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

### Maritime Security

- USS Pelileu Expeditionary Strike Group is conducting Maritime Security Operations inside the Arabian Gulf.
- USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group (CSG) is operating in the Fifth Fleet AOR to maintain maritime security, ensure regional access for commerce and confront and defend against violent extremists. Flying combat sorties in support of Coalition forces on the ground in Iraq, CSG aircraft targeted and hit enemy positions, provided reconnaissance, integrated and synchronized ground forces, protected infrastructure, provided over watch for reconstruction activities and helped deter terrorist activities.

### Building maritime partnerships for regional stability

- Ribbon cutting ceremonies took place June 27 for clinic and road projects in Liberia as part of NAVEUR's Africa Partnership Station initiative.
- Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) hosted the East African Southwest Indian Ocean Maritime Safety and Security (EASWIO) workshop in Djibouti June 17-20. Representatives from 10 countries throughout the HOA, CJTF-HOA delegates, and instructors from the Naval War College discussed efforts to expand and standardize regulatory and legal practices in an effort to develop and formalize a more effective regional maritime security and safety strategy.
- U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, Destroyer Squadron 40, USS Forrest Sherman (DDG 98), USS Farragut (DDG 99), USS Kauffman (FFG 59), USCG International Training Division and Marines are participating in UNITAS 49. UNITAS is an annual multinational exercise that strengthens relationships between partner nations through at-sea operations under numerous maritime scenarios. Hosted by Peru this year, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico (observer only) and the US are participating.

### Humanitarian assistance/disaster response

- Helicopters from USS Ronald Reagan Strike Group deliver much needed assistance to the typhoon ravaged region of Panay in the central Philippines. SH-60 Seahawk helos from HS-4, HSL-43 and HSL-37 flew numerous humanitarian missions assisting the Armed Forces of the Philippines in delivering critical food, water and supplies to the victims of *Fengshen*. Nearby, in the Sibuyan Sea HH-60H helos from HS-10, conducted a thorough search around the waters of the ill-fated passenger ferry, MV Princess of the Stars, which capsized during the typhoon with more than 850 passengers and crew.

## Status of the Navy (as of 3 July)

<u>Navy Personnel</u>	
Total Active Component:	332,181
Total Reserve Component:	125,385
DoN Civilians:	181,692

<u>Ships, Submarines &amp; Aircraft</u>	
Total deployable ships/subs:	280
Ship underway:	130 (46%)
Subs underway:	26 (48%)
Ships deployed:	108 (39%)
Subs deployed:	20 (40%)
Total Operational Aircraft:	3,700+

<u>Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR</u>		
<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>
Iraq	5,006	1,030
Bahrain	2,738	79
Kuwait	1,286	566
Afghanistan	1,688	284
Qatar	697	8
Djibouti	554	38
Total all countries on ground		14,372

<u>Sailors at Sea by AOR</u>	
NAVCENT/C5F	9,971
PACFLT	23,170
NAVSOUTH/C4F	2,119
C2F	2,874
CNE-C6F	5,093

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